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For : PROTEIN INVOLVED IN RESTORATION OF CYTOPLASMIC MALE
STERILITY TO FERTILITY AND GENE ENCODING THE PROTEIN AND
GENE

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner of Patents
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Sir:

Prior to calculation of the filing fees and the examination of the above-identified patent application on the merits, the Examiner is respectfully requested to amend the claims as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 3, 4, 6, 14, 15, 23-25, 27, 28, 30, 32, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 40, 42, 44, 45 and 45 as follows (a marked-up copy of the claim amendments is provided as an attachment to this Amendment):

3. (Amended) The protein of claim 1 wherein the PPR motif group is divided into 3 blocks and each block has 5, 7, and 4 PPR motifs in the order from an amino terminal (N terminal).

4. (Amended) The protein of claim 1 wherein the fourth amino acid located in a second PPR motif from the amino terminal (N terminal) is an amino acid other than serine, threonine and cysteine.